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Students weigh in on DUC

Plans begin for renovation

By AMBER COULTER
Herald reporter

There might be later hours, a more comfortable lobby area or more meeting space. And students will get a say in the changes at their student center.

Architects are consulting students and organizations that use Downing University Center to decide what changes to make during the upcoming renovation.

There will have to be infrastructure improvements. Some potential changes include extending dining hours and making the University Bookstore visible from the street.

The assessment should continue through April, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

Western hasn't set a date for when the changes will happen.

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Graduate enrollment unchanged

Statewide numbers decline

By KATIE BRANDENBURG
Herald reporter

John Walker had to rely on help from his family to pay for basics, such as tuition and rent, during his first semester as a graduate student.

That's because the second-year graduate student from New Orleans couldn't get an assistantship.

Administrators are planning to boost enrollment in graduate programs by increasing spending for graduate student stipends and tuition waivers next semester, said Richard Bowker, interim dean of graduate studies.

Graduate enrollment in the last year was stagnant at Western and faltered across the state.

Bowker said graduate enrollment hasn't kept up with undergraduate growth because of funding and lack of a recruitment plan.

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Scott McIntyre/Herald

The Centennial Fountain next to the fine arts center has not been operational since its presentation, and students still find it to be a hazard.

Slip & slide

Fountain tiles turn hazardous when wet

By CHRISTINA ALLEN
Herald reporter

The fountain near Helm-Cravens Library might not be as eventful as the plastic Slip 'n Slide yard toy that sends children careening on their bellies.

But it's been known to send Western students tumbling toward the ground when it gets wet and slick.

The slipping and sliding will soon end, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction. Students should be on firm footing by the end of the month.

Western has found a product that makes tile stickier and less slippery so students will have more traction as they walk across the tile.

But the temperature must be higher than 40 degrees for several days for the product to be applied, Ault said.

Officials hope to get the projects done by the end of the month, he said.

Several incidents of students slipping on the tile around the fountain have led to facilities management officials putting barricades around the area.

"We've had problems with people slipping," Ault said, "so we've investigated different coatings."

Ault said facilities management planners discussed the possibility of placing a fence around the fountain, but they disregarded the idea.

"We felt that would destroy the whole idea. Students are supposed to be able to walk through, around the fountain and enjoy it," Ault said.

Springfield sophomore Cabrina Hamilton said the fountain can be slick when it's wet.

"The tile wasn't the smartest choice," she said. "It can get really slippery."

Paige Rusnock, a freshman from Linden,

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Jake Stevens/Herald

"Avish is helpful," said Louisville freshman Richard Noble, right. "For one reason, he does not give up very easily. He's friendly and supportive." Noble works with graduate student Avish Nagpal of New Delhi a few times a week in the Clinical Education Complex for the Kelly Autism Program.

Freshman succeeds with help of autism program

Student gets help developing social skills

By NINA BOSKEN
Herald reporter

Richard Noble might not have been a Hilltopper if not for the Kelly Autism Program.

"I never thought he would go away to college," said his mother, Judy Noble.

Louisville freshman Noble has high-functioning autism, a form of the condition which allows him to communicate, said Marty Boman, director of KAP. Noble is a mechanical engineering major and lives on campus in McCormack Hall.

KAP offers elementary school, middle school, high

school and college students with autism the resources they need to succeed. That means help with academics, social problems and anything else students need.

Autism is a complex developmental disability that comes from a neurological disorder, according to the Autism Society of America. It affects development of social interaction and communication skills, and varies in the ways it impacts people.

Noble goes to KAP Sunday through Thursday to work on homework and study. The program is there to help him with whatever he needs — studying,

guidance or conversation.

Noble's typical day begins at 6:45 a.m. He said he doesn't mind waking up early, even though he goes to bed late.

"I think autism came with a trait of insomnia," he joked.

After catching breakfast in Fresh Food Company, he heads off for his three classes of the day — physics, chemistry and calculus.

Math and science are his academic strengths, his mom said. She said he can pick up formulas and patterns very quickly.

After class, he has the day free. He said he spends a lot of his free time studying and watching the Discovery

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WHAT'S GOING ON

- ◆ Presentation: "Careers in Forensic Anthropology" by Emily Craig, 2 p.m. today, Mass Media and Technology Hall
- ◆ Concert: WKU Wind Ensemble and Concert Band, 7:30 p.m. today, Van Meter Auditorium
- ◆ Mark of Excellence Awards Ceremony, 10:30 a.m. today, MMTH auditorium
- ◆ Southern Kentucky team penning, 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Agricultural Exposition Center
- ◆ Accelerated Christian Education youth conference, noon Monday, Downing University Center

a thousand words

Beyond the Hill

I don't need no protection. I got mine," said Bowling Green resident Bodie Beason, 45, while showing off his tattoo of Jesus at The Bottom, a juke joint on the outskirts of Warren County. The Bottom is almost a home away from home for Beason, who has frequented the establishment since his teenage years. For many, The Bottom is the one place where the music is always good, the spirits are plentiful and no one is a stranger. "Ain't nothing else to do," Beason said. "You just need somewhere to hang out."

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► Crime reports

Reports

◆ Katherine D. Porreca, Eastwood Street, reported an incident of assault in the fourth degree on March 6 on the front steps of the Downing University Center.

◆ A Pearce-Ford Tower resident reported an incident of harassment in his dorm room on March 5.

◆ Jin-Suk Kim, PFT, reported a theft of property lost, mislaid or delivered by mistake in the PFT lobby on March 5 when he discovered his backpack and its contents missing. The value of the theft was \$660.

Arrests

◆ Steve A. Chandler, Detroit, was arrested on charges of speeding and driving under the influence on March 6 on University Boulevard. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail on March 7 on a court order.

◆ William C. Reed, PFT, was arrested on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place on March 3 in PFT. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆ Brian John Squeglia, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., was arrested on charges of speeding and driv-

ing under the influence on Chestnut Street on March 3. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

◆ John K. Frey, Glasgow, was arrested on charges of careless driving and driving under the influence on March 4 on Chestnut Street. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$750 surety bond.

◆ Kurt M. Petty, Scottsville, was arrested on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place on March 3 in Minton Hall. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆ Jessica N. Haley, Auburn, was arrested on charges of speeding, driving under the influence, failure to provide proof of insurance and failure to be in possession of a license on March 3 on Chestnut Street. She was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$750 surety bond.

◆ Laura J. Smith, Cave Springs Avenue, was arrested on charges of improper passing, disregarding a traffic control device and driving under the influence on March 2 on Nashville Road. She was released from Warren County jail on March 3 on an \$820.20 cash bond.

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Campus life

Two colleges to create themed communities

BY NINA BOSKEN
Herald reporter
Losing class notes can be scary.

But not for students in a living learning community — they can get notes from next door.

Next fall, business and education majors can have this access, too.

The Gordon Ford College of Business and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences will offer new living options to incoming freshmen.

The business school will have a living learning community and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences will have a themed-living option, both located in McCormack Hall.

A living learning community is a group of students who live and take classes together. The programs in their hall are geared

toward their program of study, said Peggy Haas, coordinator of student leadership initiative.

A themed-living option is like a living learning community but with fewer activities. The education school wants to include commuter students with the option.

“You’re connecting the living environment with the learning environment, essentially,” she said.

Haas said living learning communities and themed living options help with retention and recruitment.

The business community will house 40 students, said Bethany Smith, academic adviser for Gordon Ford College of Business.

“My main goal is that the students will stay at Western and make a connection,” she said.

Students in the education community will take three courses together, said Retta Poe, associate dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

“There’s a lot of evidence that these kinds of opportunities clearly are associated with helping students to be successful,” she said.

Jackie Wilson, a freshman from Jeffersonville, Ind., lives in the incoming freshmen Gateway living learning community in McCormack Hall.

She decided to live in the community to make her transition to college easier.

The Gateway community was Western’s first living learning community, Haas said.

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Beyond the Hill

Missing former student was staying at friend’s house

HERALD STAFF REPORT
A former Western student who was reported missing Monday has been found.

Cassie Chavez’s stepmother, Paula Chavez, said Cassie Chavez was at a friend’s house in Bowling Green.

Cassie Chavez called one of her friends, who told her that a missing persons report had been filed after friends hadn’t heard from her, Paula Chavez said.

Cassie Chavez’s friends reported her missing Monday to

Bowling Green police.

They said they hadn’t heard from her since Feb. 28, when she was at Good Tymes 2, a local bar.

Cassie Chavez called from Western Place apartments and was removed from missing persons investigations, said Barry Pruitt, public information officer for city police.

Paula Chavez said her stepdaughter didn’t want to comment.

Cassie Chavez, who is reportedly taking a semester off from school, was seen leaving the bar

with two unknown men.

Chavez’s friends, Madisonville junior McKenzie Rodgers and Hopkinsville junior Amanda Shaw began searching for her and asking if anyone had seen her about two days after she was last seen at the bar.

They posted fliers Tuesday asking for information about her. Shaw said such behavior is out of character for Chavez.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Video games won’t work as military pitch

THE ISSUE: The U.S. Army is using a “realistic” video game to spark an interest among students in serving.

OUR VIEW: The Army would benefit from a different approach to recruiting, as this is unlikely to affect its audience.

Students who dropped by Mass Media and Technology Hall on Saturday had an opportunity to play “America’s Army,” a video game developed in part by the U.S. Army to inspire interest in military service among high school- and college-age gamers.

The game is a first-person shooter, a sub-genre of action games that simulates the point of view of a character. Players can run through digital streets and buildings battling terrorists after passing simulated training sessions.

Of course, there’s nothing wrong with the military using creative methods to recruit young men and women, especially when they have a difficult case to make because of an increasingly unpopular war. However, the use of a video game to appeal to students is a cause for concern.

Today’s action entertainment prides itself on realism. Movies like “Saving Private Ryan” use graphic violence to illustrate the brutality of war, while other first-person shooters, such as “Call of Duty” and “Brothers in Arms,” strive to give players a “you are there” feeling of authenticity.

But like those other games, “America’s Army” itself is mass-marketed, with a version available for the Xbox. This erodes the game’s claim to exclusiveness, because it can be found on the retail shelf next to any other first-person shooter. Someone browsing though a store could easily confuse it for just another action game.

A bigger problem is that the fighting depicted in “America’s Army” only makes up a fraction of what it really means to serve. It can only replicate the act of pulling a trigger; it can’t replicate working in a desert for months on end,

helping refugees or carrying a wounded buddy to safety in the middle of a firefight.

The Army is right to want to give potential recruits an idea of how intense fighting can be, but getting involved in a market that already is saturated with similar games isn’t the best way of doing it. People who regularly play video games have killed so many digital people and monsters that they will simply see digital terrorists as similar targets.

This means gamers will have no understanding of the psychological effects of combat, whether it’s the pressures of being in battle or the aftershocks of killing. “You are there” simulations are limited to the concrete — obstacles, bullets, targets. They cannot replicate the agility and lucid thinking necessary for real-world operations.

By creating video games that emphasize the purely physical aspects of service, the Army risks portraying its complicated and noble work as mere marksmanship. Another ethical problem with promoting the game’s “realism” is that it allows the game’s manufacturers to profit off the highly dangerous work of soldiers.

While it’s always encouraging to see the Army reaching out to young men and women for service, it would be better for them if their promotional tools put more focus on the benefits of joining the military and assuring potential recruits that they will be well prepared for the realities of fighting. Digital images can’t do that.

This editorial represents the majority view of the Herald’s 10-member board of student editors.



COMMENTARY

Gun commentary was out of line



by Rachel Bauer

I am writing this in response to the article “Guns have no place in classrooms” by Brandon Wilson. I am writing to defend the officer in his or her decision to carry a firearm in a classroom setting.

Police officers are the protectors of the public, defenders of justice who stand on the very thin line between chaos and order. Every day they put their lives on the line to guarantee we live another day.

They risk the chance of never seeing their families again, never kissing their wives or husbands one last time or watching their children grow up. They risk everything, every moment, because nothing really changes from when officers are on duty to when they are off. If they are on duty, they respond to calls; if they are off duty, the calls come to them.

At many police agencies, officers are required to carry a firearm at all times.

Most officers carry them even if this is not a policy, not only for their protection but for the protection of others. In fact, 14 percent of police murders occur off duty, according to a February article by Sgt. Betsy Smith at www.policeone.com.

Wilson wrote, “If something happened he could provide protection. Well, what if it happened to him? Now there is a gun in the room and anyone has access to it.” Would you rather have someone there ready and fully capable of protecting you or have to fend for yourself? The situation would be more in control with the officer there, which would make me feel a lot safer.

By being the defender of crime, an officer has not only the responsibility of protecting the public, but many enemies as well. These enemies might not appreciate the fact that an officer arrested them for a DUI and would like to get back at the officer. Oh, and look over there! That particular officer just happens to be sitting three chairs away.

By the way, just because you are in a classroom does not create a bulletproof shield. This is an open university. Anyone could walk in at any time and do whatever they want until they stopped.

Do you really think a sign posted on the door that states “No guns allowed” is really going to discourage someone from bringing one in? Based on previous incidents, that is highly unlikely. As long

as you are at least 21 years of age and have met all of the requirements to earn a permit to carry a firearm, you legally can have a gun. Is this not at least a little frightening?

To say that an officer carrying his or her weapon is “dumb” is not only an unintelligent statement but also a stab to officers everywhere who are out there protecting you from danger. To state that this is a law but you do not agree with it, even though it provides more protection to officers, is completely arrogant and idiotic. Officers are trained to use their gun with the highest standards and only use it when it is absolutely necessary. I can guarantee the officer was not trying to intimidate anyone or trying to “flash their piece.”

It is a reality that once they are a sworn officer, they are facing danger every day. Instead of demeaning officers for trying to protect themselves and you, next time you see a cop, be sure to thank them for all that they do.

After all, like any other human, they have a yearning to make it home to their family one more night.

Rachel Bauer is a freshman psychology major from Eddyville.

The opinions expressed in this commentary do not reflect the opinions of the Herald or the university.

CIVICALLY ENGAGED

Students need to recognize their right to vote

by Catie Stroud

We, as college students, are the future of this country. We are the next generation of leaders, policy makers and political participants. This new series, a part of the Political Engagement Project, will help you become aware of diverse issues surrounding topics of social relevance and will give you skills necessary influence decision makers. We want to motivate you to get involved.

While not voting is considered un-American to those of us in the department of political science, I have been forced to accept that it isn’t at the top of the priority list for many other college students. Too many of us don’t vote, and an astonishing number of students aren’t familiar with the voter registration process.

So, how can you register to vote?

You have three options: by mail, in person or at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Mail-in registration forms are widely available. You can call 800-462-VOTE, or you can download a National Voter Registration form at www.rockthevote.com. Then, it’s as simple as mailing the completed form to your local city or town hall. Another option is to go to any registration location or election office and complete an affidavit of registration. Finally, you have the option of registering when you apply for or renew your driver’s license. While there is no waiting period to be eligible to vote, certain registration deadlines apply depending on where you live.

Did you know?

As a college student, you have the right to vote from the residence that you consider “home.” While by law you are only allowed to register to vote from your “permanent” address, students can register to vote where they live during college.

Catie Stroud is a senior political science major from Portland, Tenn. For more information, call her at the department of political science at (270) 745-4558.

These are the Herald’s views on the good, the bad and the slightly unattractive.

TOPS & Bottoms



A great big cheer for milk finally showing up on meal plans. Starting tomorrow, you can start getting your three glasses a day at a better price.



A round of applause for hybrid cars suddenly becoming trendy on the Hill. They’re smart and sporty, and save you more than a few trips to the gas pump.



A disappointed shake of the head to Barnes-Campbell Hall for facing high crime rates. Come on, guys, you’re supposed to be the classy dorm!



A chorus of jeers for Western showing up on the list of the United States’ top 25 universities for illegal downloading. Then again, doesn’t that make us technologically advanced?

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A person is captured in a low-angle, high-contrast photograph while performing a squat in a gym. The person is in the center of the frame, their body angled towards the right. They are wearing dark shorts and sneakers. The gym floor is highly reflective, mirroring the person and the bright light coming from large windows in the background. The lighting creates long, sharp shadows and highlights the contours of the person's legs and the floor. In the background, a person is visible sitting on a bench, and the gym's structure, including windows and equipment, is partially visible.

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Channel in his dorm room.

“Most of the shows have to do with science which are more fascinating to me than sitcoms,” he said.

College has taught Noble responsibility.

“At first it was kind of scary having to deal with responsibility ... not having anyone to tell me what to do,” he said.

He said he played too many computer games last semester,

and he neglected things he should have been doing.

“I’ve actually made a huge step from experiences from last semester, and if I don’t step it up, I’m not coming back,” he said.

Noble’s mother said she has noticed a big difference in his maturity level since winter break.

“He’s learned to plan and think more towards the future,” she said.

Avish Nagpal, a graduate student from New Delhi has been working one-on-one with Noble. He said that Noble is determined to succeed.

“He knows what his goals are and what he wants to do

with his life,” he said.

Noble said one of the biggest challenges he faces is the social aspect of college. Boman described social interaction for people with autism as being painful for them.

Noble said he has trouble starting conversations and making eye contact.

He worries about that because he wants to make a good first impression with people.

“First impressions are everything,” he said. “When you start a conversation, I don’t know how to make the impression, so it’s easier to just not start it.”

He also said he’s afraid because people took advantage of him and treated him badly in grade school and middle school.

He’s going to counseling at Western to help with his social worries. One part of the counseling required him to say hello to people at least twice a week.

Boman said those skills will be helpful when Noble gets a job after college.

“I’m hoping by the time he graduates that he can interact to the level where he can maintain a job,” Boman said.

His mother said it was hard for her not knowing how others would treat him. She was worried

people would pick on him or try to take advantage of him.

“I’ve learned to deal with it, which is good, considering there’s not much I can do about it,” he said.

Noble’s mother said KAP has improved his college experience.

“They’re interested in more than just his academics,” she said. “They’re interested in his whole person.”

She said she likes how KAP staff check on every aspect of his time at college from if he’s doing his laundry to his social life.

She said one of the challenging parts of raising a child with autism is knowing

his limitations.

Things other people take for granted can be difficult for people with autism, she said. She said when he succeeds, it’s rewarding.

KAP gives Noble the resources to excel academically. The program has computer programs that read his textbooks for him and help him type papers.

Outside of academics, she said his biggest strength is his loving nature, and in everything he’s achieved in life.

“He’s just had to overcome so much,” she said.

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GRAD

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Bowker said he believes that one important target of opportunity for Western Kentucky University is the graduate students.

Enrollment in Western graduate programs has remained steady for the past two years with 2,670 students in 2004 and 2,667 students in 2005, according to Western’s Factbook.

Undergraduate enrollment increased by 135 students, according to the Factbook.

President Gary Ransdell said Western’s core responsibility is to provide a quality education to undergraduate students, but it’s also a priority for Western to become more competitive in attracting graduate students.

“Graduate students provide an important teaching and research dimension in support of our faculty,” Ransdell said.

Western’s preliminary budget for 2007-08 would increase funding for graduate assistantships by \$123,000 and would fund a \$200,000 tuition waiver program for graduate students.

This will be the first year

Western has offered partial tuition waivers to graduate students, Bowker said.

Walker said finding an assistantship was easier after his first semester. He now receives a \$1,000 per month stipend.

Nathan Rinehart, a second-year graduate student from Bowling Green, said he has trouble paying tuition and living expenses despite the stipend he receives. He works summers to make up the difference.

After increasing steadily since 2001, graduate enrollment in Kentucky dropped by 246 students last year, according to an annual accountability report from the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

Kentucky was ranked 34 out of 50 states and Washington, D.C., for adults with advanced degrees, said John Hayek, assistant vice president for planning and performance at CPE. Kentucky’s rate for issuing graduate degrees is 7.9 percent, compared to 9.9 percent national rate.

But the state ranked 48 nationally in adults with bachelor’s degrees, so increasing bachelor enrollment is the priority, he said.

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Campus life

Spring break spurs last-minute workouts

By Christina Howerton
Herald reporter

Ashley Cravens, a sophomore from Fredericksburg, Va., started to work out daily a couple of months before spring break last year.

She said she decided to get back in shape because the freshman 15 was catching up with her.

“I took a break and didn’t realize how it would affect me,” Cravens said.

She noticed results after a few months of working out on a regular basis.

Some people, however, start to work out a few weeks before spring break with hopes of toning up, said Laura Hall, exercise coordinator at the Preston Center.

Preston Student Supervisor Robert Denning said he notices a lot of new faces in the months before break.

He said the people who come to work out daily have set schedules, but new people usually come in at 3:30 p.m. when the weight room opens after classes.

The people who only work out right before break are not likely to get results because they are being unhealthy, Hall said.

Crash dieting and overworking out are unhealthy and lost weight will come back. People also tend to stop exercising right after break.

Jennifer Franklin, Preston Center facility coordinator, said the number of people who

come into Preston each day goes up to 3,000 around spring break and immediately drops to about 1,500 after break.

“Even the Friday before spring break, the numbers go down,” she said. “It’s funny to watch.”

Hall said to see any results before spring break, students should begin working out before January.

To be healthy, working out and eating healthy should be a part of a lifestyle.

Assistant Dietetics Professor Karen Mason said simple changes in diet would make a big difference.

She recommends cutting out high-fat and high-calorie foods and replacing them with fruits and vegetables because they have more nutritional value.

Mason said proportion sizes also contribute to weight gain.

By exercising daily and having a balanced diet, students would have more energy, decreased body fat and less stress, Hall said.

And these people would look good all year instead of just for spring break.

“They wouldn’t have to spend countless hours in a crowded weight room before spring break either,” she said.

Hall said the best way to decrease body fat is to do a

cardiovascular workout for at least 30 minutes a day.

Cardiovascular workouts include walking, running, riding a bike and swimming.

Dancing is also a good way to work out without feeling like you’re exercising, she said.

The Preston Center offers programs to encourage healthy lifestyles year-round.

There are weight room orientations, personal trainers and fitness classes such as Awesome Abs, Rock Bottoms and Indoor Cycling to get students and faculty on the right track to making healthy lifestyle changes, Hall said.

After spring break, the Preston Center is hosting a program called Big Red Boot Camp.

Participants will meet on weekdays from 6 to 7 a.m. between March 26 and May 4.

There will be a different full body workout each morning.

The program costs \$75 per person, or partners who sign up together will get a 50 percent discount on one person.

Other fitness packages can be purchased in the health lab at the Preston Center.

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DUC

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The architects, Taylor-Whitney Architects in Louisville and WTW Architects in Pittsburgh, conducted focus groups of students and student organization members this week.

The companies will return in a couple of weeks to follow up on their findings and meet with President Gary Ransdell.

“Everyone agrees that we’ve got an opportunity here, in this last phase, to make a landmark facility for the rest of Western,” Ault said.

Students can make suggestions to SGA members, student organization leaders or DUC management, Ault said.

Western officials will also discuss what to put on the fourth floor, he said.

Officials had discussed changing that floor into meeting space and removing the activity areas and bowling alley. Architects might suggest an alternate use for the space, Ault said.

The focus group also discussed creating a central location for student organizations, said Jeanne Johnson, Student Government Association president and group participant.

A common area would be more convenient when such organizations collaborate on projects, Johnson said.

Other focus group suggestions included giving the University Bookstore more visibility from the street and allowing restaurants to stay open later, she said.

DUC needs more meeting and storage space for organizations there, said Charley Pride, director of student activities, organizations and leadership.

The infrastructure also

needs updates because it hasn’t changed much since 1970, when the building was completed, said Scott Taylor, director of university centers and leadership programs. Updates might include improving equipment, lighting and seating in the DUC Theater.

There is no projection yet as to how much the project will cost, he said. Money will come from bonds Western will sell with state approval.

Western’s first request for renovation spending, which was submitted to legislators in about 2004, totaled \$14 million, Ault said. The next request will be for more money.

“We’re just making sure that we’ve got numbers and we’ve got some currency that adequately reflects our needs at Western,” Ault said.

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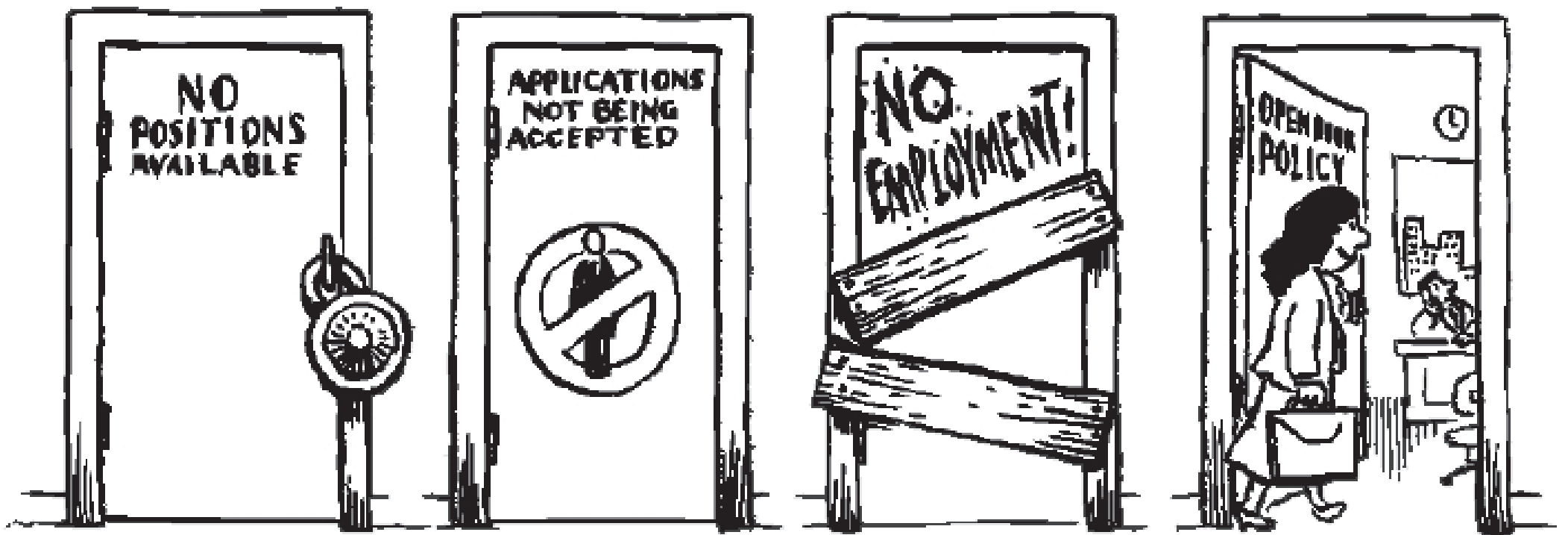
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Patrick Buchanan is almost famous

By Heather Ryan
Herald reporter

In high school, Lexington senior Patrick Buchanan was determined to shake his Southern accent.

His friend, Jenisha Watts from Lexington, remembers him practicing public speaking because he wanted to be in broadcasting.

He's always had a "fearless mentality," she said.

Whether it's auditioning to be Beyoncé's backup dancer, being Kelly Clarkson's assistant for a day or interning at MTV for a summer, Buchanan is determined to get into the entertainment world.

"The thing about Patrick is — some people just have it," said Ebonie Wear, his cousin from Lexington. "He's like Oprah, you know? There's something about her. Well, there's something about him."

Buchanan said he hopes to become an entertainment reporter to release the inner pop star he said he's born to be.

Every school break, he tackles a new goal.

Watts went to New York with Buchanan in 2005 so he could try modeling.

While walking down the streets of the city, Watts and Buchanan were asked to go to MTV Studios because of their love for Kelly Clarkson.

They had to compete against one another to win a day as Clarkson's assistant.

Buchanan won and was flown to Austin, Texas, to be Clarkson's assistant. He also got to interview her for a show on MTV and go on stage at one of her concerts.

He held on to everyone's numbers and kept in contact to try to get an internship at MTV.

It worked. Last summer, Buchanan interned at the famous television studio in Times Square.

The experience inspired him even more to be on TV.

This past winter break he tried out to be the backup dancer for his favorite singer, Beyoncé.

Even though he knew he might not make it, he tried out because of his love for his idol.

Although his goals might be considered unrealistic to some, Wear said he has the confidence to try anything.

"He is determined," she said.



Sarah Dudik/Herald

"Determined to be famous."

Buchanan has been trying to get involved in television and broadcasting since before he came to Western.

He works for Channel 12 and created his own show, "Hill Happenings."

"Hill Happenings" is based loosely on Jay Leno's "Jay Walking." It is also one of the only shows students can watch through Facebook.

He said he's always loved being in front of and behind the camera and

creating "visual things for people to enjoy."

"After seeing Britney and Anna Nicole, you need people around that love you and keep you grounded. I just want to be happy."

— Patrick Buchanan
Lexington senior

busy lifestyle, but Buchanan said it's clear what's No. 1 on his list. "Happiness," he said. "After see-

Patrick Buchanan

Favorite Film: "Dreamgirls," because Beyoncé is in it.

Inspiration: My grandmother instilled in me that work ethic. Teachers and other family members have also given me confidence.

Dream job: A veejay at MTV.

Obsession: Well, I guess Beyoncé — my TiVo and my DVD collection say so.

ing Britney and Anna Nicole, you need people around that love you and keep you grounded. I just want to be happy."

Watts said that despite his impeccably ironed shirts and slacks, he is a down-to-earth person and he gives credit to those who have helped him.

Buchanan has had a big past, but he said he hopes to have an even bigger future.

Not only does he have reporting aspirations, but he also plans on designing a clothing line and being able to jet across the country from New York to the West Coast.

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FOUNTAIN

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N.J., said she'd like Western to get rid of the fountain.

"I've seen people go slipping and sliding on it," she said. "It's not even on, it's just there in the way."

Rusnock said she saw one man almost fall while walking across the fountain.

"He started slipping, and he almost went down, but he caught himself," she said.

General Counsel Deborah Wilkins said President Gary Ransdell had been concerned that students might slip on the tile and he had barricades placed around the fountain before the end of December.

Students probably wouldn't be able to sue Western if they fell, Wilkins said.

"They would have to prove that something we did would cause injury. You'd think a student would know that if you walk across wet tile, you're going to slip," she said.

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Campus government

SGA passes promotional bill

By JESSICA VANWINKLE
Herald reporter

Student Government Association members want the student body to know more about them.

SGA passed a resolution at Tuesday’s meeting to establish Student Government Association Week.

The week will focus on making students aware of what the organization has done and what it is currently doing for students, according to the bill.

Student Affairs Chairwoman Kayla Shelton, a freshman from Gallatin, Tenn., wrote the resolution.

The bill states that many events will take place during SGA week, such as Campus Cleanup and an election forum. And students can interact with faculty members and administrators.

Johnathon Boles, speaker of the senate, said SGA week is important so students can know that SGA is there to serve them.

“It’s a week to remind students that SGA members are student advocates,” he said.

Executive Vice President Amanda Allen said SGA week will be March 26-30, the Herald previously reported.

SGA also passed the Spring 2007 Election Codes. The deadline to file to run for a position in SGA is March 21, according to the proposed codes.

President Jeanne Johnson said she wants the election to be competitive.

The harder someone campaigns for a position, the harder they’ll work at SGA, Johnson said.

The senate passed two other bills, the Buy-A-Book program for the fall 2007 semester and establishing Voices of Western.

The Buy-A-Book program bill states that SGA will provide \$2,000 for the program.

Academic Affairs Chairman Lucas Humble, a Monticello sophomore, said the program worked well last semester.

The purpose of the Voices of Western is to bring students together once a month to discuss important issues, the bill said.

Reach Jessica VanWinkle at news@wkuherald.com.

News brief

Parent/Child GPS Day aims to teach global positioning

The Kentucky Geographic Alliance will teach about global positioning systems at its second annual Parent/Child GPS

Day on March 24.

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the lawn of the Environmental Science and Technology Building with an activity called “Learning to Use GPS.”

Students and parents will

learn to use basic GPS skills and compete in an on-campus treasure hunt.

Participants will be provided with GPS units to use in the treasure hunt.

Registration materials can be sent through the Kentucky

Geographic Alliance at kga@wku.edu.

The contest is open to 20 people. Registration ends March 20.

In case of rain, the event will take place on April 7.

— Christina Allen

Column

With crushes, the fun is in the chase



UNPROTECTED TEXT

Joey Leslie

I never thought of myself as a player. For years, I avoided “the game.” The rules are confusing and no one ever really wins.

But one day I found myself strategically planning a text message and realized that the game of love is not a spectator’s sport. I had been playing all along.

I used to take an up-front dating approach.

Me see. Me like. Me ask you out.

Me usually end up disappointed when my simple strategy failed.

The objects of my affection never seemed to reciprocate my affinity — and that made me want them more. Oddly enough, it seemed the only people asking me out were the ones I continuously shot down. With everyone pining away for people they couldn’t have, I wondered how anyone ever got together.

Then, I realized the necessity of the game.

The goal is simple: get your crush to want you before knowing you likey back. But the strategy for winning is risky and gets more confusing the longer you play.

In the beginning stages of the game, it’s important to zig when the other player expects you to zag. This helps you look mysterious. Mysterious is sexy.

This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. I like to ignore the other player’s phone calls and then call back in a half-hour or so.

This powerful play sends

your opponent a clear message that you are not always accessible and they’d be lucky to be a priority in your life.

This trick works better the longer you wait. You’re giving the other player time to psych him or herself out. They initially will assume you were away from your phone. But as the minutes tick agonizingly by, they’ll start to make excuses for your tardiness. As the doubt monster begins to grow, they’ll fend off the notion that you might have lost interest all together until — sigh of relief — the phone rings. It’s you.

Thinking they still have a glimmer of chance, they continue on in the pursuit of happiness. The game continues with you in the lead.

If at any point during the game you find yourself developing ooey-gooley feelings, you will lose. Mushy feelings will cause you to ignore important strategies. You will quickly find yourself trailing or face down in the dirt wondering where the hell the fly ball came from.

The other player will then have the upper hand, and you will be in a power struggle that will consume you both until the game is playing you.

Be sure to enjoy the game while it lasts and remember that the fun is in the chase, not the victory. No matter who proclaims their love first, the game still ends and the fun’s over for both players. Ultimately, nobody really wins.

I imagine that one day we’ll look back on the silly games we play and wonder why we didn’t spend more time reading. But, we can read then, after we’re too old to enjoy the thrill of the chase.

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TOURNEY

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After their disappointing showing, that seems to be as likely as “Grey’s Anatomy” being canceled next week.

While the Lady Toppers are No. 33 in the latest ratings percentage index released by the NCAA on Monday, they’re 0-5 against the top 50.

Their biggest knock may be their uninspired 73-65 loss to North Texas, ranked No. 169, on Feb. 19.

Saturday’s loss was just two games later.

The selection committee takes a team’s play down the stretch.

Those two losses have Western in the position of playing on the ROAD as a lower seed in the Women’s National Invitational Tournament.

The Toppers are staring at a peak higher than Mount Everest to even be selected for the NIT.

Tuesday’s loss dropped the Toppers to a paltry 22-11

overall record. Western was ranked No. 86 in the latest NCAA RPI rankings, released just before its loss on Monday. That standing is likely to plummet with Arkansas State’s listing at No. 175.

The Toppers’ so-called “quality” win came in their third game of the season at Georgia, ranked No. 63 in the RPI.

Aside from that, Western fell to Arkansas-Little Rock (No. 226), twice to Arkansas State, twice to North Texas (No. 147) and at home to Florida Atlantic

(No. 151). Sure, Western won more than 20 games, but they should have. They play 31 regular season games.

While the Lady Toppers are still likely to hear their names called by the WNIT selection committee, the Toppers can put away their keys to the bus. They won’t need them.

Jason Stamm is sports editor and columnist for the Herald. Reach him at sports@wkuherald.com.

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PITCHER

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stuff like that,” Perrin said. “We were out on our front foot and just out of position though.”

In the second game, freshman catcher Rachelle Boucher threw out two runners attempting to steal second.

“She’s a smart catcher and she has a very quick release,” Lawson said. “When she’s confident behind the plate she is pretty tough.”

On the offensive side, sophomore third baseman Rebecca Horesky drove in a combined three RBIs.

Her performance included a two-run home run over the left-field wall in the sixth inning of the first game.

It provided Western with insurance runs.

“It was pretty much the nail on the coffin,” Lawson said.

With the score tied at one, Horesky also stepped up in the second game with a sacrifice fly to deep center to score Boucher and put Western up for good.

Horesky now leads the team with 13 RBIs on the season.

The Lady Toppers return



Sarah Wright/Herald

After hitting only one home run in her freshman season, sophomore Rebecca Horesky hit a home run during the first game of the doubleheader on Wednesday.

to the road this weekend and open Sun Belt Conference play facing Florida International in

a three-game series, starting with a double header at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Reach Andrew Robinson at sports@wkuherald.com.

► Sports intramural roundup

Basketball championships

◆ Team Beta Alpha, led by MVP senior Aaron Davenport, defeated Kappa Alpha Black 56-49 in the NCAA basketball championship game last night.

“We didn’t play as well as we could have, but the scoreboard leaned our way tonight,” senior Jason Hapney said. “That’s really all that matters.”

Beta Alpha finished the year with a 7-0 record.

“It’s the first time we played together as a team,” senior Kyle Morrison said. “We were still a little disappointed with our performance, but ending the year undefeated is very promising.”

◆ In the WNBA championship, 812 Ballin’ won an embattled 28-26 game against Incredibles.

812 Ballin’ (6-0), spon-

sored by Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar, held Incredibles scoreless until 9:37 in the first half.

Incredibles trailed 18-15 at halftime.

812 Ballin’ had the third highest point total in the league’s regular season.

“We played them before, but this game was extremely physical,” MVP freshman Kaitlin Poelhuis said.

812 Ballin’ also won last semester’s Holiday Hoops tournament.

Alpha Omega Phi won the third-place game 30-21 against the Backcourt Bombers earlier in the afternoon.

◆ 2006 Holiday Hoops champions Still Real added more hardware to its trophy case with a 63-34 mercy-rule victory against Sigma Chi Lebron in the NBA championship.

Junior Andrew Felician was named game MVP.

The game was stopped at the two-minute mark because the margin was more than 20 points.

“We lost last season in the championship game, so winning this year was our goal from the beginning,” senior James French said.

Still Real, playing without junior Allen Hudson because of a recent hospitalization, ended the year 6-0 having only lost one game in two years.

In the third-place game, Nobody’s took home the win due to a forfeit by Paydirt.

Intramural Coordinator Stephen Byrd said both the NBA and the WNBA will have the option to play in the ACIS National Intramural Basketball Championships.

— Ryne Dunkelberger

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PICKLEBALL

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he still demonstrates the ability for a crosscourt backhand and a forehand slam.

“The mechanics are the same. You can’t spin it like a tennis ball,” Haines said. “It’s more about placing the ball.”

The first game went to Haines by two. The two switched courts and St. Pierre fell into another deficit.

The bandanna-wearing St. Pierre dove across the floor. Haines ran back for a lob shot. St. Pierre won the second game, and Haines won the final, 14-12.

In the championship, Haines defeated senior Matt Hartman 11-2, 11-3.

Sophomore Chris Leachman, who finished in fourth place, said he noticed the similarities of pickleball and other sports.

“I played tennis in high school, so it’s a good transition,” Leachman said. “Because the paddles are made of wood, it has more of a ping-pong feel, though.”

The attendance was sparse and the popularity minimal, but the game with a dog for a name reigned supreme to those involved at Preston.

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Campus life

Pep bands bring spirit to SBC tournament

By DAVID HARTEN & ED LUKINS
Herald reporters
LAFAYETTE, La.— “Fear the chicken!”

One of several battle cries from the hometown Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin’ Cajuns pep band echoed throughout the Cajundome.

Amid the bellowed instructions from coaches and the desperate communication between players during the Sun Belt Conference tournament, a secondary competition was being waged between spirited pep bands and enthusiastic fans alike.

The Ragin’ Cajuns’ pep band illustrated their enthusiasm by passing around their notorious rubber chicken and having every band member kiss it.

Louisiana-Lafayette’s band declined to even be interviewed, saying they had to focus, or face reprimand from their equally enthusiastic director.

With extravagant costumes, pompons adorning their instruments and wholehearted chants emanating from their designated section directly behind and to the right of the goal, the band, as well as groups from other schools, did their best to make their presence felt.

Western’s pep band members wasted no time getting noticed throughout the venue by howling while walking in and setting up their equipment on the baseline.

“You have more to worry about than the five on the floor,” read the shirts of the Louisiana-Monroe band, who called themselves the Technical Fowls.

Derle Long, Director of Bands for the Warhawks, said his band’s presence in Lafayette was limited to rallying behind the players.

“We’re here to support the team,” he said. “We don’t have a rivalry with the other teams or the other bands.”

Perhaps unbeknownst to Long and his pep group, the North Texas squad came to the arena with their own take on conventional wisdom.

Sophomore trombonist David Tidmore said he and his fellow bandmates were encouraged to instill some friendly competition.

“The whole point is to out-cheer, to outplay and, basically, out-band the guys across the floor,” he said. “We’re trying to make it our house and we want to prove that we are the better band.”

Paul Weiser, the New Orleans band director, had a slightly different take on the atmosphere in the arena.

His group was in its first year back since a Hurricane Katrina-influenced hiatus and featured just seven members, including Weiser.

“It’s always a friendly battle of the bands, and we’re definitely looking to get the fans pumped up,” he said. “But most of all we’re here doing what we love to do, and though we may be small in numbers, we are strong in spirit.”

SBC officials held halftime contests between the schools’ bands.

The “Battle of the Bands” featured two members of each opposing team’s pep band running a relay-style race to each basket. The first team to have both members make a layup at each basket wins.

Craig Cornish, the Middle Tennessee band coordinator, said the Blue Raider Band will do anything within legal means to help the team.

“Some bands think they need to be competitive in bad ways,” he said. “But we want to have fun with the other band across the court.”

Reach the reporters at sports@wkuherald.com.

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— David Tidmore
sophomore trombonist



Jake Stevens/Herald

Sophomore Terrence Dayleg of Surrey, British Columbia, who started on the Canadian Junior National Team for two years, was tagged out at first base in Western’s 6-4 loss against No. 1-ranked Vanderbilt.

RALLIES

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Representing the go-ahead run, freshman infielder Tyler Bumgarner lined out to first, doubling up Kaskie to end the game.

“We always feel like we can come back when we get into those situations,” senior infielder Scotty Colt said. “If we keep competing, we’ll eventually break through.”

The Toppers were in a position to upset Vanderbilt, ranked No. 1 by Collegiate Baseball, on Tuesday night at Denes Field.

Trailing the Commodores (15-0) by four runs in the bottom of the ninth, the Toppers managed to cut the deficit in half.

With two outs and two runners in scoring position,

Kaskie hit a grounder to junior first baseman Brad French for the final out of the game. Kaskie tied the contest at two in the third inning with a two-run home run to left field.

“I thought we competed really hard,” coach Chris Finwood said. “If we get a couple hits here and there, maybe it’s a different ball game.”

The Toppers defeated the Commodores 6-4 at home last season.

“Everytime we come down here we play a tough ball game,” Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin said. “(Western’s) pitchers did a good job of getting out of the innings.”

Sophomore pitcher Evan Teague stepped on the

mound in the seventh inning and gave up three hits over two innings, stranding five Vanderbilt runners.

“(Teague) came in and shut us down for the most part,”

Corbin said. “(Finwood) does a good job with his kids. He’s a very positive person and I like coaching against him.”

Finwood said the team took a step forward in terms of how hard they compete.

“Once again, we’ve shown that we’re not going to be a team that gives up,” Finwood said. “I think we will get over that hump, we just got to keep fighting.”

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Notable

•Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Kempf gave up one hit while racking up 10 strikeouts over seven innings in Western's 3-0 win over Austin Peay Tuesday.

Column

Tourney bids not likely for Western



Tuesday came and went at the Cajundome, as the Sun Belt Conference concluded its basketball tournaments. Two of the favorites, Middle Tennessee's women's team and Arkansas State's men's team, were there. North Texas' men's team and Louisiana-Lafayette's women's team were there as well. One school accustomed to the final day of the conference tournament wasn't. For just the third time in the past 20 seasons, neither the Toppers nor the Lady Toppers were still standing on championship day. The No. 3 seeded Lady Toppers fell in the quarterfinals to No. 6 seed Arkansas State, 76-67 on Saturday. The Toppers, the No. 3 seed, fell to hot-shooting Arkansas State, the No. 2 seed, 80-73 in the semifinals on Monday. Though the Lady Toppers have been up and down all season, many had them penciled in for an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament.

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Baseball

Toppers rally but fall twice in the ninth

BY WILL PERKINS
Herald reporter

The Toppers can't be accused of giving up without a fight. Stringing together two ninth-inning rallies in two consecutive games, Western fell short in both contests. The Toppers extended their losing streak to five after a 4-1 loss at Louisville Wednesday and a 6-4 loss to Vanderbilt Tuesday. Western (5-6) enters Sun Belt Conference play with a three-game series against Florida Atlantic (13-3) starting at 6 p.m. tomorrow. After an eight-inning scoring drought against the Cardinals (7-5), the Toppers rallied in the ninth to avoid the shutout. With one out and two runners on base, freshman infielder Matt Payton hit an RBI single to right field, scoring freshman outfielder Troy Frazier. Junior outfielder Scott Kaskie then loaded the bases with a single to third, barely beating the throw.

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Pickleball facts

- ◆ Serve must be hit underhand.
- ◆ Each team must play first shot off bounce. After one bounce on each side, both teams can volley or play ball off bounce.
- ◆ Non-volley zone is the 7-foot zone on both sides of net.
- ◆ Team scores only when serving.
- ◆ Server must keep both feet behind baseline during serve & at least one foot on court surface when striking ball.
- ◆ Game is played to 11 points and team must win by two.

Source: USA Pickleball Association

(Left) Lawrenceburg Senior Caleb Wells holds the essential Pickleball equipment.

Passion for Pickleball

Little-known sport attracts players at Preston

BY RYNE DUNKELBERGER
Herald reporter

After a crosscourt backhand, Peter St. Pierre, assistant physical education and recreation professor, approached the low net in anticipation with his oversized pingpong-like paddle in hand. St. Pierre was among 37 Western faculty and students who participated in the Hilltopper Intramural Pickleball Tournament on Feb. 10, the first such tournament on campus. Amidst the pickup basketball games and loyal weekend patrons of the Preston Center, the game was quickly catching on. Pickleball is promoted by the U.S. Pickleball Association as "America's fastest growing sport." According to its governing body, the sport began from a bored summer match of badminton. In 1965, U.S. Rep. Joel Pritchard from Washington and neighbor

Bill Bell improvised a new game for their kids to play. A wiffleball was substituted for a shuttlecock and wooden ping-pong paddles were used instead of normal badminton rackets. The nets were lowered from the badminton height of five feet to the tennis height of three feet. Pickles, Pritchard's cocker spaniel, chased the ball, opting to play this improved form of "fetch." Pickles became synonymous with the game and carries its namesake. Pritchard and Bell introduced the game to a friend, Barney McCallum. The trio pushed the game to new heights and etched the first set of official rules. In 1967, the first official pickleball court was built on the plot where the game was created two years earlier. The U.S. Pickleball Association was formed in 1972. At the intramural tournament,

competitors sported wrinkled shorts and homemade cutoff T-shirts. In the semifinals, St. Pierre was matched against senior Josh Haines. St. Pierre teaches Lifetime Sports, which utilizes pickleball in its curriculum. The class educates students how to teach team sports. "I don't play as much as I would like, it's more about teaching the basics to the students and me sitting on the sidelines helping," St. Pierre said. Haines had never played pickleball before. He was a three-time all-state tennis selection in his four years at Corbin High School. Haines was fourth on the Toppers in wins with five doubles victories during his freshman year. Though Haines quit the team,

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Sarah Wright/Herald

Freshman Rachelle Boucher slides to safety past Michelle Edmonds of Austin Peay into second during Western's first game of a doubleheader on Tuesday, where they broke their 11-game losing streak with two wins. Boucher hit two singles, one of which allowed senior Renikka Toliver to score a run.

Softball

Pitching comes around as Lady Toppers' skid ends at 11

BY ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

Before Tuesday's game, it felt like the Lady Toppers hadn't won in forever, coach Rachel Lawson said. That is, if forever ago is Feb. 16. Forever ended Tuesday. It took just three hours and 10 minutes of quality pitching for the Lady Toppers (6-13) to end their 11-game losing skid and pick up a pair of wins against Austin Peay (6-7), winning 3-0 and 2-1 at the WKU Softball Complex. Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Kempf gave up just one hit, one walk and struck out 10 in

seven innings in the home season opener. In the second game, sophomore pitcher Ryan Rogge kept a no-hitter alive until the third inning. She finished with five strikeouts. Rogge backed herself into a jam in the seventh inning, giving up two hits and a walk to load the bases with no outs. "I either got too nervous or too relaxed," Rogge said. "I lost focus for sure." Rogge then forced two fly-

outs to senior left fielder Alana Towns before striking out freshman outfielder Beth Carr for the final out. "I was confident she was going to get out of the inning because she had been pitching really well all day," Lawson said. Austin Peay coach Jim Perrin said he was disappointed with the Lady Governors' performance at the plate. "(Rogge) made us look pretty foolish with change-ups and

"I either got too nervous or too relaxed. I lost focus for sure."

— Ryan Rogge
pitcher

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